

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/853,172

Examiner

Cheryl N Hawkins

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on December 11, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17 and 21-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

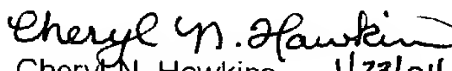
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. _____ | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-17 and 21-25 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to Claim 1, the prior art of record to Suzuki et al. (US 6,000,894) discloses a bookbinding system (Figure 2, bookbinding apparatus 203) for binding sheets into bound text bodies (Figure 9, sheet bundle S1) having respective spines exposed for adhesive application, the system comprising a sheet collector (Figure 1, aligning tray 41) configured to assemble a text body from multiple sheets and an adhesive dispenser (Figure 4, carriage C, tape reels 77A and 77B; Figure 11A, tape guides 86 and 87) configured to dispense a solid adhesive sheet having one of multiple effective widths sized to correspond substantially to the length dimension of the spine of the text body (column 10, line 6 through column 11, line 17) and positioned to receive the assembled text body from the sheet collector after the solid adhesive sheet has been dispensed (Figure 11B). The prior art of record to Sharpe (US 2,788,852) discloses an apparatus which includes a sheet material dispenser configured to dispense a sheet material (Figures 1 and 2, pressure sensitive adhesive tape 30) having one of multiple effective widths (column 2, lines 37-40) which would be capable of dispensing a solid adhesive sheet across the thickness dimension of a text body spine. The prior art of record to McLane (US 3,296,911) discloses an apparatus which includes a sheet material dispenser configured to dispense a sheet material (Figures 1, material 30) having one of multiple effective widths (column 3, lines 58-61) which would be capable of dispensing a solid adhesive sheet across the thickness dimension of a text

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body spine. The prior art of record does not disclose or provide any motivation for modifying the adhesive dispenser of Suzuki et al. to receive an assembled text body from the sheet collector and then dispense an adhesive sheet across the thickness dimension of the text body spine such that the adhesive sheet has one of multiple effective widths sized to correspond substantially to the length dimension of the spine of the text body

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl N. Hawkins whose telephone number is (571) 272-1229. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone numbers for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9310 for regular communications or (703) 872-9311 for After-Final communications.

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